On motion by Mr. Beckett,

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

## WEDNESDAY, February 17th, 1830.

The House met at nine o'clock, pursuant to adjournment; and the roll being called over—the same members were present as on yesterday, except Mr. Swan, who had leave of absence from the House during the remainder of the session.

On motion by Mr. Jones,

The rule of the House which requires the journal of proceedings of the preceding day to be read, was suspended—and the reading of said journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Buskirk, as chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, communicated to the House a letter which he had received from James V. McCulloh, Esquire, relative to the case of Judge Hanson; which was read, and ordered to be entered entire on the journal. The the said letter is in the following words:

Annapolis, 17th February, 1830.

To W. V. Buskirk, Esquire, Chairman

of the Committee on Grievances and

Courts of Justice, House of Delegates.

Sir: I have shewn to judge Hanson the report made to the House of Delegates, with reference to his condition, by the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice; and the testimony submitted therewith, and the order founded thereupon, and I have now to inform you that he has decided, after reading and considering those documents, that it would be most proper for him to be passive, and take no part himself in the proceedings that may be had in his case—preferring to leave these to be conducted as the Legislature and his friends may think fit. Such being his disposition, I now hereby volunteer, and propose to appear at the bar of the House of Delegates, as counsel on his behalf, at such time as may be appointed and made known to me—and I shall be prepared to do so to morrow.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant, JAMES. W. M'CULLOH.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying for the enactment of a law to